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On page 19, replace the paragraph spanning lines 27-31 with the one submitted herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 23. (Fourth Amendment) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is a fragment of the extracellular portion of the interferon receptor (IFN-R) of SEQ ID NO: 2, said peptide or polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 27 to position 427 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a portion thereof; wherein said peptide or polypeptide or a portion thereof specifically binds to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC, under accession no. 92022605.

*Not cancelled as of 07/03*  
Claim 24. (Fourth Amendment) An isolated peptide or polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 27 to position 229 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a portion thereof; wherein said peptide or polypeptide or portion thereof specifically binds to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 92022605.

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Claim 25. (Fourth Amendment) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is a fragment of the extracellular portion of the interferon receptor (IFN-R) of SEQ ID NO: 2, said peptide or polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 1 to position 229 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a portion thereof; wherein said peptide or polypeptide or a portion thereof specifically binds to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 92022605.

*Sub G1*  
Claim 26. (Third Amendment) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is derived from a peptide or polypeptide as claimed in claim 23 by substitution of one or more amino acid residues and which retains the ability to specifically bind to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 92022605.